

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The non-final Office Action dated August 26, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claim 21 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants kindly acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-20 and 22-32. Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection based upon the above amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,707,441, issued to Hebiguchi et al. (hereafter "Hebiguchi"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Hebiguchi fails to teach or suggest each and every feature recited in the claims of the present application. Specifically, Hebiguchi fails to teach or suggest a thin film transistor "wherein the drain electrode has a variation in width in a portion that overlaps a gate electrode" as recited in independent claim 21. Because Hebiguchi fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of claim 21, claim 21 is allowable over Hebiguchi. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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